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TO AMEMBASSY KIGALI

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SUBJECT: FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA: QUOTE, DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR KIND AND THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR INDEPENDENCE AS A NATION SYMBOLIZES THE CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT WHICH HAVE LONG CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES.SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD, UNQUOTE.

2. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED BY THE WHITE HOUSE JULY 4: QUOTE, AT THIS TIME, WHEN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE RALLYING AROUND YOUR EXCELLENCY TO CELEBRATE THE 199TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I HAVE THE PLEASURE TO CONVEY TO YOU, ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR PEACE AND UNITY, THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE, AND ON MY OWN BEHALF, THE WARMEST AND MOST SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS. I AM CONVINCED THAT THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS WHICH HAPPILY EXIST BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL BECOME UNCLASSIFIED

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EVEN BETTER IN THE FUTURE, STRENGTHENED BY EVER MORE ACTIVE

COOPERATION FOR THE WELL-BEING OF OUR RESPECTIVE POPULATIONS.

I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS HAPPY OCCASION TO EXTEND TO YOUR
EXCELLENCY AND TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE MY BEST WISHES FOR
HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY. PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE
ASSURANCES OF MY VERY HIGH CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE.

3. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE EXCHANGE BUT HAS
NO OBJECTION IF GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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